

**PATENT**

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WELDING WIRE**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued November 26, 2008, in connection with the present application. The notice sets a one-month period for filing a response, to December 26, 2008.

As requested in the Notice, the applicants are enclosing herewith a copy of a revised listing of the claims. The Examiner correctly stated that claim 40 was missing a portion of text. Claim 40 is now shown as currently amended with all of its text.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence, and any item referred to herein as being attached or enclosed, are being transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by electronic transmission via EFS-Web on the date indicated below.	
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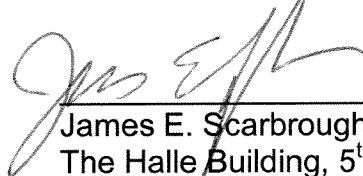
Consideration of the June 30, 2008 Amendment filed with a Request for Continued Examination on August 29, 2008, and an allowance of all claims is requested.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fees which may be required in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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